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a paper feed roller having a peripheral surface coincident with a portion of said paper feeding path;

a driving device operatively coupled to said paper feed roller and selectively rotating said paper feed roller;

a presser abutting said paper feed roller at a contact position, the contact position being located on said paper feeding path, so that when said paper feed roller is rotated by said driving device the sheet of printing paper is moved along said paper feeding path;

a flat paper guide surface disposed in said paper feeding path downstream of the contact position;

a printing area located between the flat paper guide surface and the ink jet head and corresponding to a region over which ink can be applied by ejection by the ink jet head; and

a plurality of projections disposed on said paper guide surface, at least one of which said projections is at least in part disposed within the printing area, at least some of the projections being arranged at intervals in a direction approximately transverse to said printing paper and beneath the sheet of paper moving along said paper feeding path.

37. (New) An ink jet printer for use with an ink jet head having a nose portion through which ink is ejected, comprising:

a paper feeding path which guides a sheet of printing paper in a direction from a paper feeding side to a paper discharging side;

a paper feed roller having a peripheral surface coincident with a portion of said paper feeding path;

a driving device operatively coupled to said paper feed roller and selectively rotating said paper feed roller;

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a presser abutting said paper feed roller at a contact position, the contact position being located on said paper feeding path, so that when said paper feed roller is rotated by said driving device the sheet of printing paper is moved along said paper feeding path;

a flat paper guide surface disposed in said paper feeding path downstream of the contact position ; and

a plurality of projections disposed on said paper guide surface, wherein at least a part of at least one of said projection is disposed outside of a region which is defined by the contact position where said presser abuts said feed roller and a point where the nose portion of the ink jet head opposes said paper guide surface when the ink jet head ejects ink, at least some of the projections being arranged at intervals in a direction approximately transverse to said printing paper and beneath the sheet of paper moving along said paper feeding path.

38. (New) An ink jet printer for use with an ink jet head having a nose portion through which ink is ejected, comprising:

a paper feeding path which guides a sheet of printing paper in a direction from a paper source to a paper exhaust;

a paper feed roller having a peripheral surface coincident with a portion of said paper feeding path;

a driving device operatively coupled to said paper feed roller and selectively rotating said paper feed roller;

a presser abutting said paper feed roller at a contact position, the contact position being located on said paper feeding path, so that when said paper feed roller is rotated by said driving device the sheet of printing paper is moved toward said paper exhaust; and